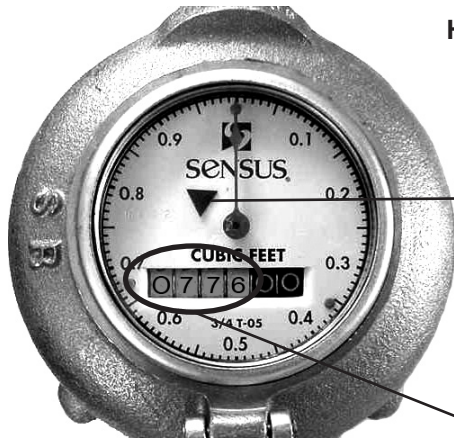


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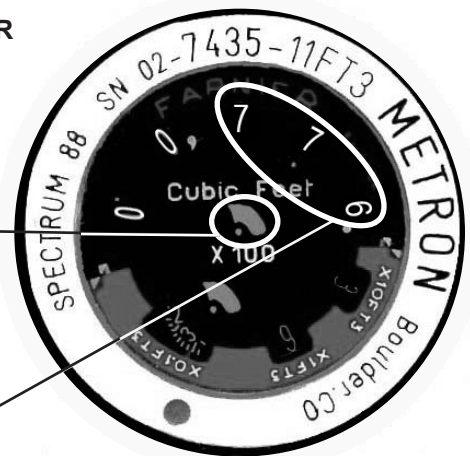
## Your Meter

Your meter is located in a small vault in the ground near the street. Open the lid to read your meter inside.



### HOW TO READ YOUR METER

**FLOW INDICATOR:**  
It spins when water flows through it. If the triangle, needle, or silver crescent is moving and no water is being used, you have a leak.



**REGISTER:**

These meters are showing a reading of 00776 HCF (hundred cubic feet).

## use your meter

### How to use your meter

**Your water meter measurements are based in cubic feet.**

1 cubic foot = 7.48 gallons

1 billing unit = 1 HCF (Hundred Cubic Feet) = 748 gallons

**How to calculate your water usage over a period of time**

Record your meter readings before and after a period of time (e.g. Read your meter at night and again in the morning.) Subtract the readings to find your usage.

2nd reading	515 HCF
1st reading	- 512 HCF
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	3 HCF (or billing units)
	x 748 gallons
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	= 2,244 gallons of water used

**How to use your meter to detect a leak**

1. Make sure no water is being used.
2. Check to see if the needle or flow indicator is moving. If you can see it moving you have a leak.
3. For slower or intermittent leaks you will need to monitor the meter over a period of an hour or more. Any changes on the register or the needle position indicates a leak.

## your water bill

### How to read your water bill

**You are billed in hundred cubic feet of water used.**

1 billing = 1 HCF (Hundred Cubic Feet) = 748 gallons

**How to calculate your average daily water usage**

Service Period	Meter Reading
To 10/05	000310 HCF
From 9/04	000300 HCF
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	10 HCF (or billing units)
	x 748 gallons = 1 HCF
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	= 7,480 gallons

**7,480 gallons / 30 billing days = 250 avg. daily gallons**

## shut-off valve

### How to shut-off your water

**Shut-off Valve**

Most homes have a shut-off valve where the water line enters the house and/or at the water meter. Turn valves off in case of a broken pipe or when repairing plumbing.



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